

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 537
By Cohen

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Mrs. Louise Rohren
Sundquist.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Mrs. Louise Rohren Sundquist, the mother of former Tennessee Governor Don Sundquist; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Sundquist was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born in Hampton, Illinois, in 1912, Mrs. Sundquist would spend most of her life in her native state, moving to Tennessee in 1995 to live with her son and his family at the Executive Residence following the death of her husband; and

WHEREAS, Louise Sundquist was proud to be Tennessee's First Grandmother for eight years, and was nicknamed "Mom Sundquist" by Governor Sundquist's staff and the state troopers who provided security for the family; and

WHEREAS, an avid sports fan who closely followed University of Tennessee athletics and her beloved Chicago Cubs, Mrs. Sundquist was a joyful person who described her time at the Executive Residence as some of the best years of her life; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Sundquist was deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth Sundquist, Mrs. Louise Sundquist is survived by her sons, former Governor Don Sundquist and Richard Sundquist, and their families; she was the proud grandmother of six beloved grandchildren and four treasured great-granddaughters; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Sundquist leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Mrs. Louise Rohren Sundquist, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mrs. Sundquist.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.